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At its meeting held May 24, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"The first Memorial Day was observed in 1868 in remembrance of soldiers who died in The Civil War. For 137 years, our Nation has devoted this day to honor American patriots who have fallen in service to our country.

"From the bravery of the soldiers at Gettysburg to the determined troops involved in today's war on terrorism, our military has confronted dangers, opposed tyranny and offered hope and opportunity to generations of Americans and those around the world.

"These courageous service men and women have kept the torch of freedom burning rightly by defending our liberty and upholding the promise of our democracy. In their ultimate sacrifice, we see the goodness and courage of an entire Nation, and we are reminded that the blessings of freedom demand the high calling of selflessness.

"We honor the legacy of our National heroes by remaining committed to America's ideals and steadfast in our support of our veterans and those in uniform today."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Burke and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed May 30, 2005 as "Memorial Day" throughout Los Angeles County and urged all citizens to pause on Memorial Day in solemn remembrance of the men and women who kept watch over our democracy and died in service to our Nation; and encouraged all citizens to participate in patriotic ceremonies in remembrance and honor of the brave and heroic veterans whose sacrifices ensured the preservation of our American way of life.

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